25th August 1925]

Contribution from the Adi-Dravidas towards starting a school for them in Vaniveddu village.

* 372 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Wallajah range, asked the Adi-Dravidas on 8th May 1925, who are living in No. 66, Vaniveddu village, Wallajah taluk, North Arcot district, either to contribute half of the amount for starting a school for them or to contribute free labour?

A.—No.

Mr. R. VEERIAN.—' Sir, with reference to the main question, the answer is 'No'. Here is a mahazar submitted by respectable members belonging to the depressed classes in the Vaniveddu village, Wallajah taluk, North Arcot district, wherein it is stated clearly that the Deputy Inspector of Schools asked the members of the depressed classes either to contribute half the amount for starting a school for them or to contribute free labour. At least may I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether he will kindly make inquiries into the matter?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—" We have enquired and the information is given here in the answer."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—" May I know whether the Government are not going to believe the statement made by the respectable members of the depressed classes? I am perfectly willing to hand over the statement. Either the statement made by the respectable members of the depressed classes ought to be incorrect or there ought to be inaccuracy somewhere else."

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TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

Excise.

Alleged keeping of an unlicensed toddy shop in Uppupalaiyam village, Salem district.

* 373 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the statement in the *Kudinool*, dated 5th July and in the *Hindu* newspaper to the effect that the Perunkurichi abkari contractor has been openly keeping an unlicensed toddy shop in Uppupalaiyam village in Tiruchengodu taluk of Salem district;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the people of the Uppupalaiyam village are opposed to the opening and the continuance of this toddy shop;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that unlicensed toddy is being sold here at very cheap rates and that the restriction as to hours is completely ignored; and

(*d*) whether the subordinates of the department are ignorant of the existence of this unlicensed shop?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—" Sir, am I to understand that the hon. the Minister has no concern with the action of the officials of his department who go on giving free drink and that too at all hours, and giving inducements of all sorts to the people especially in this famine-ridden area? Sir, can the Government, although such things were brought to their notice as long ago as 5th July, say that they have no information?"